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EMPLOYMENT TO URBAN UNEMPLOYED PERSONS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to formulate any action plan to create additional employment avenues to provide employment to unemployed educated persons in Urban areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of urban unemployed educated persons likely to be benefited under the said scheme; and

(d) the time by when it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a to d) Government is targeting creation of 5 crore employment opportunities during the 10th Plan period. The strategy identified for achieving this target includes

- Creation of around 3 crore employment opportunities in the normal growth process assuming around 8% per annum growth rate of Gross Domestic Product.
- Creation of around 2 crore employment opportunities through special employment generation programmes.
- Special emphasis on labour intensive sectors such as agriculture, irrigation, agro forestry, small and medium enterprises, tourism, information communication technology and other services.

This Strategy is applicable both for rural and urban areas as well as to both educated and uneducated. Moreover, Prime Minister`s Rozgar Yojana especially caters to the needs of educated unemployed youth by assisting them in setting up any economically viable activity in both urban and rural areas. Under this scheme, the target for additional employment opportunities in the 10th Plan and in 2004-05 are 16.50 lakh and 3.75 lakh respectively